

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2615**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Herbert Bächler, et al.
Appln. No. : 09/610,284
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Title : HEARING DEVICE HAVING SELF-CONTAINED, SELF-IDENTIFYING
PERIPHERAL HARDWARE UNITS

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Examiner : Phylesha L. Dabney

Customer No. : 116
Docket No. : 32794US1

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RESPONSE "H"

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2006 (Paper No. 20060820). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expired on November 23, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for two months, up to and including, January 23, 2007. The extension of time fee of \$450.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 32794US1.

The following remarks are made for the Examiner's consideration.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.